

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : The Chief Secretary said that the investigation was complete only on Malaria and Filaria but that with regard to other things more work is to be done.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): May I take it that the Government have agreed to appoint him if he comes qualified from the Institute within the time and may I know why such an agreement was entered into?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Without such an agreement he will not be anxious to go for training.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): May I know whether there is not any other application from any other young man who could wait till the budget session to be sent for the training? May I know further why this demand cannot be held over till the next session of the Assembly?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I have already answered that question. Already some months have elapsed, and if we are going to wait for another six months so much time more will be lost. Mr. Aiyangar left some months ago and nothing has been done since then. I don't see why we should lose time unnecessarily. After all the demand is only for Rs. 200.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : Is there any opposition?

The motion was passed and the grant was made.

DEMAND XXIV.—STATIONERY AND PRINTING.

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Sir, I move for a grant of Rs. 11,200 under Demand XXIV—Stationery and Printing. This is quite a simple matter. In the budget of 1109, Government provided funds to the extent of Rs. 17,425 for the purchase of 4 printing machines for the Government Press. The provision was made in the budget, the machines were ordered, and it was expected that the machines would arrive before the end of the year so that payment could be made before the year closed. Unfortunately it so happened that, out of the four machines ordered, only one arrived before the close of the year and payment could be made only for that one machine. The other three have arrived since then. It was expected that the machines would arrive before the end of 1109 so that they could be paid for from the allotment for that year and so no provision was made in the budget for the current year. But contrary to our expectations, the machines arrived only this year, and we have to make payment for them. The amount required is Rs. 16,200. But the Superintendent, Government Press, has kindly agreed to forego, from an allotment provided in the budget for the purchase of types and other things, an amount of Rs. 5,000. The additional allotment required therefore is only Rs. 11,200, and I hope that the House will pass this demand.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): I oppose the demand. The Chief Secretary, when he made the demand, said that it was a simple matter. Evidently he thinks that Rs. 11,200 is a small amount.

Sir, the policy, pursued by Government in the matter of the administration of the Stationery and Printing Department, is not at all satisfactory. The present Superintendent of the Government Press, Mr. Nilakanta Pillai, is a very able and conscientious officer.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : All that does not arise. The motion is in regard to the purchase of machines for the Press. So, unless Mr. S. J. Nair says that Mr. Nilakanta Pillai can get on with his work without these machines, his observations are irrelevant.

MR. S. J. NAIR (Nedumangad) : Sir, the relevancy of my observations comes in like this. When the Government intend purchasing printing machines for Rs. 10,000 or Rs. 11,000, they should not think of importing an outsider to supervise the working of the Press disregarding and ignoring the claims and ability of the present Superintendent to be the Controller of the Stationery and Printing Department.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : All that, I say, is irrelevant.

MR. S. J. NAIR (Nedumangad) : Sir, anyhow, in the face of the reasons advanced by the Chief Secretary, if at all our money is to be spent, it must be spent for the benefit and encouragement of our people and the good of the country and not that of outsiders. I therefore oppose the demand.

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (Chief Secretary to Government) : Sir, the member has been speaking mainly about the importation of an outsider to control the Press and the Stationery Department. So far as I know, Government have not decided anything about that.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : I have ruled it out.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (Quilon II) : What became of the funds provided for this purpose in the budget for 1109?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (Chief Secretary to Government) : The amount lapsed.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (Quilon II) : What was done with that money? Who took it? (*Laughter.*) Could not the Financial Secretary know then that these machines would be coming in 1110? If so, why did he not make a provision for the amount in the budget for the current year?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (Chief Secretary to Government) : As a matter of fact, till the very end of the year 1109, even on the 31st or the 32nd of Karkatakam, we were expecting the machines. The Superintendent of the Government Press had even asked for permission to draw the money from the Treasury in advance to be kept by him till the machines arrived, just to prevent the amount lapsing. But the Financial Secretary said that that would be very irregular, and he did not allow it. When the budget for 1110 was under preparation, and even when the budget was being considered by this House, we did not know that the machines would not arrive before the end of 1109 and that the amount provided in the budget for the year would lapse. That is the position.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): In view of the explanation given by the Chief Secretary, I withdraw my opposition. (*Laughter.*)

The demand was put to vote and carried.

The grant was made.

DEMAND XXV—CO-OPERATIVE DEPARTMENT.

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI (*Registrar of Co-operative Societies*): Sir, I move for a grant not exceeding Rs. 2,065 for meeting the expenditure on the Co-operative Enquiry Committee. The amount is required for meeting the claims for arrears of T. A. for the non-official members of the Committee as well as for the payment of T. A. and pay of the establishment of the Committee, and also for some items of contingent expenditure.

The demand was put to vote and carried, and the grant was made.

DEMAND XXVII—MISCELLANEOUS CHARGES.

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I move for a grant not exceeding Rs. 9,600 under Demand XXVII—Miscellaneous Charges.

This amount is intended for payment, to the publisher, for Volume VII of the Travancore Regulations and Proclamations and the supplement to that volume. Honourable members are aware of the fact that the first six volumes of the Regulations and Proclamations were published some years back. Government felt the necessity of bringing out a subsequent volume to make the literature up-to-date. One of the two publishers of the first six volumes has agreed to publish the seventh volume and its supplement. Government have accepted his offer and he has now brought out the seventh volume and the supplement. The supplement contains all the amended Rules and Notifications under the Regulations included in the first six volumes since their publication. The series has accordingly been brought up-to-date. And, what is more, the publisher has added, at the end of the supplement, a very useful index to the whole set of seven volumes. I am sure my lawyer friends will recognise the usefulness of these books, and the value of the index, with the help of which, you can in a moment lay your finger on any point you want to get at.

Sir, the main condition under which the right of publishing the first six volumes was granted to the publishers was that Government would purchase 800 copies of each volume at an average price of Rs. 10 per copy. Of course, the number of pages in different volumes varies. In the first volume there are 1,031 pages; in the second, 1,496 pages; in the third 1,312 pages; in the fourth 1,420 pages; in the fifth, 1,114 pages and in the sixth 1,549 pages. That is really the biggest of the six volumes. The seventh volume contains 1,241 pages; and the supplement contains 635 pages.